

Response to Office Action  
of March 8, 2006

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

**I. Introduction**

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") Examiner's Action ("Action") dated March 8, 2006. The Action provided Applicants with a shortened statutory period for Applicants' Response of three (3) months, *i.e.*, to June 8, 2006. Applicant has submitted a Petition for an Extension of Time of three months, *i.e.*, until September 8, 2006, and has included the required fee. Accordingly, Applicant's Response is timely as it is being filed on September 6, 2006, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a).